



**SPECIAL MEETING OF THE COMMON COUNCIL
MIDDLETOWN, CONNECTICUT
AUGUST 9, 2012**

Special Meeting	A special meeting of the Common Council of the City of Middletown was held in the Council Chamber on Thursday, August 9, 2012 Immediately following the 7 p.m. Community Meeting.
Present	Deputy Mayor Robert P. Santangelo, Council members Thomas J. Serra, Ronald P. Klattenberg, Mary A. Bartolotta, Hope P. Kasper, Grady L. Faulkner, Jr., Philip J. Pessina, Joseph E. Bibisi, Linda Salafia; Corporation Counsel Daniel B. Ryan; and Council Clerk Marie Norwood.
Absent	Mayor Daniel T. Drew, Council Members Gerald E. Daley, Todd G. Berch and Deborah Kleckowski.
Also Present	Three members of the public
Meeting Called to Order	The Mayor calls the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m. and asks Mr. Spadacinni to lead the public in the Pledge of Allegiance.
Call of Meeting Read	The Call of Meeting was read and accepted. The Mayor declares the Call a Legal Call and the Meeting a Legal meeting.
Public Hearing Opens	The Acting Chair opens public comment at 7:06 p.m. and asks if there are any members of the public wishing to address the Council on agenda items.
Public Comment Closes	The Acting Chair seeing no one wishing to address the Council, closes the public hearing at 7:06 p.m.
Questions To Directors	<p>The Acting Chair asks if there are questions to directors; Superintendent Charles is present at the meeting.</p> <p>Councilwoman Salafia asks for a synopsis or overview of what this is for. Superintendent Charles states there was an insurance reduction and it was understood that the City and schools would have a reduced bill for insurance and the board reduced the money and the City reduced the amount and there was a short fall.</p> <p>Councilwoman Kasper states she did co-chair the budget that the year it occurred and made cuts to property casualty, and health insurances and there is percentage of costs for each fund of the City; those were the reduction that the Council did make in the insurance funds.</p> <p>Councilwoman asks for clarification for fiscal years. The Clerk responds she worked with Assistant Finance Director who thought the year should read 2010-2011 and not 2011 – 2012.</p> <p>Councilman Serra states this is 2010 and 2011 and the monies are available in the fund balance in those lines which shows we should have probably funded those line items in the Board budget. They are very solid. It is \$300,000 and for this year we have this amount to reconcile and both Finance and Education are working on that for this fiscal year. He continues, through the Chair, we would like the new board and administration to have everything in line and these monies asked for are in the fund balance, we should fund them. The next \$300,000 he is not sure where it is coming from and it needs to be discussed. This should have been funded.</p> <p>Councilman Klattenberg asks if it was two years ago or last year; Councilwoman Kasper responds two years ago and it should have been reduced but went to the fund balance.</p> <p>Councilman Serra states how it went two years is because there was no communication between the administration and the board during that time. That is why this is occurring now. Superintendent Charles states they do intend on rectifying the current budget year as well.</p> <p>Councilwoman Salafia states this is one of the places the board owes the City; the City took \$600,000 and took it all. Councilwoman Kasper responds there was a percentage, these are the amounts that are attributed to the Board of Education. Councilwoman Salafia states the city moved the funds from the Board of Education budget to the City side. Councilwoman Kasper</p>

states we owe this to the Board. Councilwoman Salafia states the City took too much from the Board of Education budget. Councilwoman Kasper responds yes. Councilwoman Salafia states this should have been picked up two years ago. Councilwoman Kasper responds yes. Councilman Pessina states because there was no communication. We should have been informed and we were not. We have the fiduciary responsibility and we weren't informed.

Councilman Serra states the two funds are very solid and part of the reason is because we did that.

The Acting Chair, hearing no further comments, thanks the Superintendent of Schools for responding to questions.

The Chair asks if there are any questions to directors; seeing none, the Chair asks the Clerk to read the Bond Ordinance Request and the Certificate of the Director of Finance.

Appropriation Request Notice

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that a regular meeting of the Common Council of the City of Middletown will be held in the Council Chamber of the Municipal Building on **Thursday, August 9, 2012 Immediately following the 7 p.m. Community Meeting** to consider and act upon the following:

Mayor's Office/Common Council	\$156,300, Account No. 8010-92700-65211, Insurance Funds, Health Insurance Fund Balance.
Mayor's Office/Common Council	\$144,000, Account No. 8020-90800-65302, Insurance Funds, Liability, Property, & Casualty Fund.

Any and all persons interested may appear and be heard.

ATTEST:
DANIEL T. DREW
Mayor

Certificate of Director

To: His Honor Mayor Daniel T. Drew
and Members of the Common Council
From: Finance
Date: August 6, 2012
RE: Certification of Funds

This is to certify that funds for the appropriations requested at your meeting of August 9, 2012 are available as follows:

Health Benefits Fund Balance	\$156,300
Property & Casualty Fund Balance	\$144,000

Respectfully submitted,
Carl Erlacher
Director of Finance

Agenda Item 5-1

The Acting Char recognizes Councilman Serra and he reads and moves the request of \$156,300; his motion is seconded by Councilman Faulkner. The Acting Chair asks for comments.

Councilwoman Salafia states that she is looking at the balance sheet for government of funds, there was a reduction by \$1 million and she has a hard time this is taking care of the problem and she can't support this.

Motion to Amend

The Acting Chair asks for other comments; Councilman Serra states it is clear that this is for fiscal year 2010-2011; he amends the appropriation request by changing it to say from 2010 – 2011 and moves the request for approval. His motion is seconded by Councilman Faulkner.

The Acting Chair calls for the vote on the amendment; it is unanimous to approve with nine aye voters. The Acting Chair states the matter passes unanimously.

The Acting Chair asks if there is any further discussion; seeing none, he calls for the vote. It is eight aye votes by Council Members Serra, Klattenberg, Bartolotta, Santangelo, Kasper, Faulkner, Pessina, and Bibisi; and one nay vote by Councilwoman Salafia. The Acting Chair states the matter passes with eight aye votes and one negative vote.

**Mayor's Office/Common Council \$156,300, Account No. 8010-92700-65211,
Insurance Funds, Health Insurance Fund
Balance.**

(Approved)

Councilman Serra reads the \$144,000 request for approval and his motion is seconded by Councilman Faulkner. The Acting Chair asks for comments; hearing none he calls for the vote. It is approved with eight aye votes by Council Members Serra, Klattenberg, Bartolotta, Santangelo, Kasper, Faulkner, Pessina, and Bibisi; and one nay vote by Councilwoman Salafia. The Acting Chair states the matter passes with eight aye votes and one negative vote.

**Mayor's Office/Common Council \$144,000, Account No. 8020-90800-65302,
Insurance Funds, Liability, Property, &
Casualty Fund.**

(Approved)

Motion to Adjourn

Councilman Serra moves to adjourn and his motion is seconded by Councilman Klattenberg. The vote is called and it is unanimous with nine aye votes. The Acting Chair declares the meeting adjourned at 7:21 p.m.

ATTEST:

**MARIE O NORWOOD
Common Council Clerk**